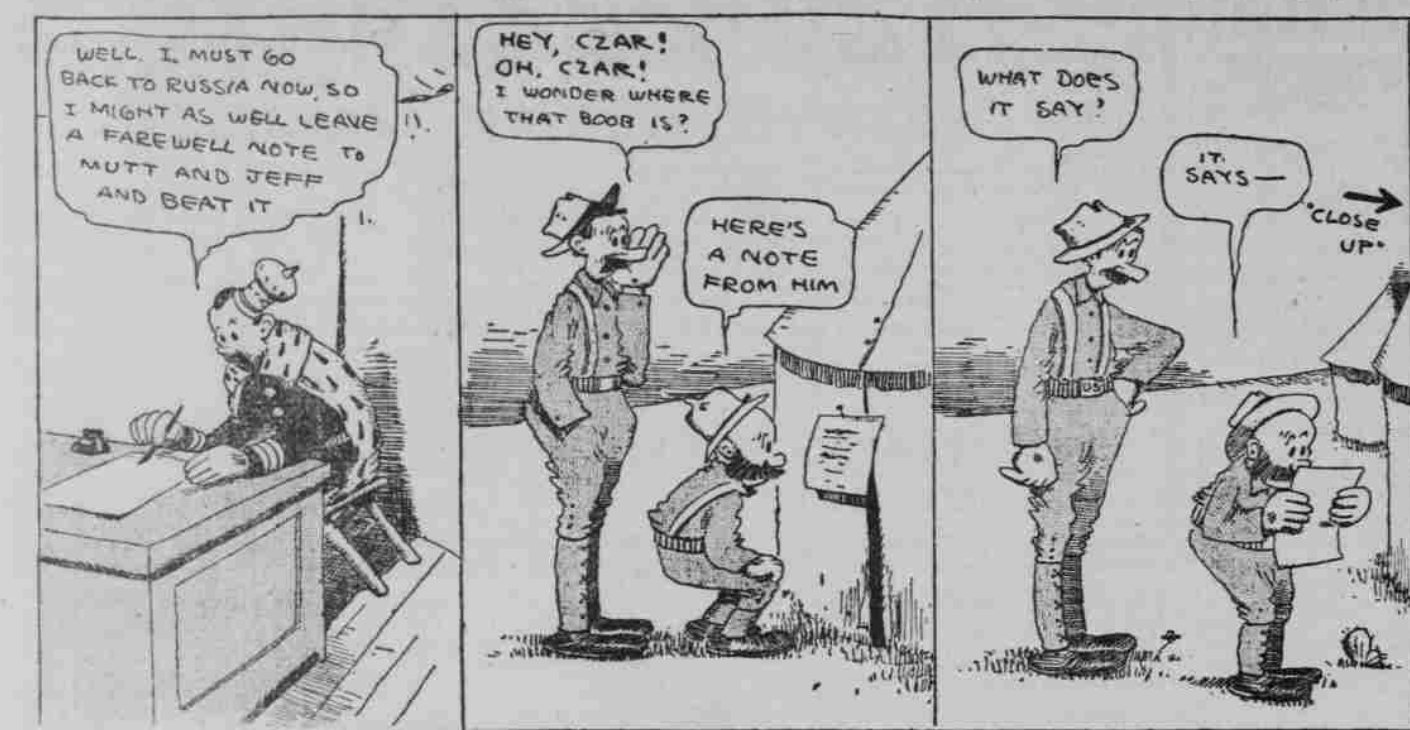


MUTT & JEFF—Oh My No! It Wasn't Really the Czar, Simply His Valet—

Drawn for the Topeka State Journal By BUD FISHER

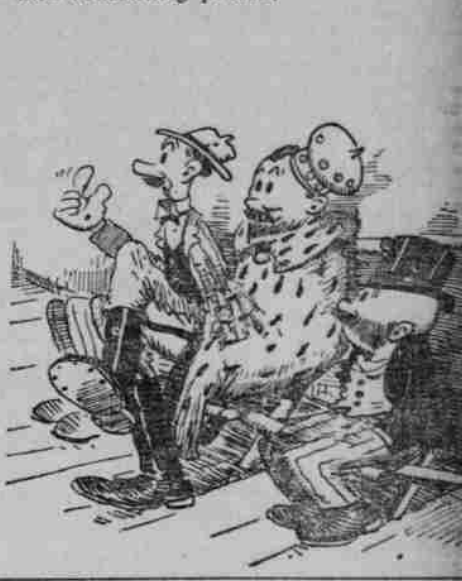


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Mutt and Jeff—
This is to let you know my
furlough from the Czar of
Russia has expired and I
must return to Russia to
resume my duties as Valet
to the Czar.
He always gives me his
old clothes. That is how I
got the ermine cape and the
crown. By the way the
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Mutt.
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FF TO JOEVILLE

Savages Open Season Against
Drummers This Afternoon.

Many Fans Accompanied the
Team on Initial Trip.

Owner John Savage, Manager R. J. Lattimore and the squad of players in whom Topeka has placed her baseball season hopes for 1916 left this morning over the Santa Fe where they will open the season this afternoon. Quite a number of Topeka's thirty-third year fans also went to Drummerville to lend their moral support to Lattimore's batmen in their first engagement.

The players who were taken on the trip were: Manager Lattimore, Pitchers Dasher, Grover, Lambeth, Voss and West; Catchers Monroe and Texier; Infielders Agler, DeFate and Goodwin; Outfielders Hanson, Kruger, Schweitzer and Tydemann.

Before leaving this morning, Manager Lattimore stated that he had not decided upon the pitcher he would honor with the distinction of being the first to take the mound, but was sure it would be either Dasher, Grover or Lambeth. He said he would not make his final decision until just before the game.

DeFate on Ben. 3.
The chance for Shortstop DeFate to get into today's game seemed slim, as a telegram received from George Cochran Wednesday afternoon stated that he would join the club in St. Joe this morning and would be ready to fill his regular position.

The latest news from St. Joe was to the effect that the whole city was planning to take a holiday this afternoon and turn out en masse to witness the contest. A big parade was the first feature on the program, and it was stated that several bands and more than ten automobiles and floats were expected to participate.

In honor of the occasion practically every business house in St. Joseph planned to close its doors during the game, and the Retail Bakers, Butchers and Grocers' associations agreed to declare a holiday along with the other business firms.

Team Home Monday.
The Savages will play a four game series in Drummerville, returning home Monday to get ready for their opening game in Topeka Tuesday with the Denver Bears.

"I don't know whether or not we will be able to take the majority of the games in this first series," Manager Lattimore said this morning. "Some of our men have sore arms and the pitchers are not in the best of shape. But we will give the Drummers a game they will remember every time we meet them, and by next Tuesday we should be in as good shape as any club in the league and capable of winning as many games as any of them."

Atlanta Gets Sammy Mayer.
Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—Sammy Mayer, former member of the Topeka Western league club, the Reds and the Kansas City American association club, has been sold by Kansas City to the Atlanta club of the Southern league. Mayer refused to report to Kansas City this spring.

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BRAVES GO DOWN

Phillies Push Them to Bottom
of First Division.

White Sox Lose to St. Louis
Browns, 6 to 2.

The Philadelphia Nationals strengthened their hold on first place Wednesday afternoon by defeating the Boston Braves again, the score being 6 to 2. Incidentally, the defeat pushed the Braves down to the bottom of the first division. In the only other game played in the N. L. Brooklyn defeated New York 7 to 3.

The first doubleheader of the season was played in the American league and Boston and Washington, the parties in the affair, split honors 50-50. Washington won the first and Boston the second. The St. Louis Browns had little trouble in trouncing the Chicago White Sox, winning by the count of 6 to 2. The New York Yankees won from the Philadelphia Athletics in one of the closest games of the day, the final score being 2 to 1. Wednesday's scores follow:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Philadelphia—Score: R. H. E.
Boston 6 11 0
Philadelphia 2 6 1
Batteries—Hughes, Knutson, Tyler, Reulbach and Gowdy; Mayer, Rixey, Bender and E. Burns.
Summary: Two base hits—Knutson, Hughes, Smith, Hughes, Niehoff, Burns, Stolen bases—Marvin, Evers, Egan, Smith. Bases on balls—Off Hughes, 3; off Knutson, 1; off Tyler, 7; off Mayer, 2; off Rixey, 2. Struck out—By Hughes, 3; by Mayer, 1; by Rixey, 1. Umpires—Klem and Emlie.

At Brooklyn—Score: R. H. E.
Brooklyn 7 9 0
Boston 3 11 4
Batteries—Barnes and Tilden; Smith and Meyers and McCarty.
Summary: Two base hits—Trescott, Meyers, Stolen bases—Daubert, Smith. Bases on balls—Off Trescott, 3; off Smith, 3. Umpires—Rigler and Harrison.

No other games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Boston—First game—R. H. E.
Washington 3 6 0
Boston 7 2 2
Batteries—Boehling and Williams; Henry, Foster and Cady, Agnew.
Summary: Two base hits—E. Foster, Williams, Lewis, Hooper. Three base hits—Barry, Stolen bases—Jarvin, Lewis, Gardner. Bases on balls—Off Boehling, 4; off G. Foster, 2. Struck out—By Boehling, 4; by G. Foster, 2. Umpires—Nallin and Diener.

Second game—Score: R. H. E.
Boston 2 6 0
Washington 2 6 0
Batteries: Gallia, Ayers and Henry; Leonard and Thomas.
Summary: Two base hits—Morgan, Hendricks, Barry. Three base hits—Gardner. Bases on balls—Off Gallia, 3; off Ayres, 1; off Leonard, 3. Struck out—By Gallia, 3; by Leonard, 4. Umpires—Dineen and Nallin.

At Chicago—Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis 10 9 0
Chicago 2 4 0
Batteries—Wellman and Severide; Cloutie, Russell, Scott, Wolfgang and Schalk.
Summary: Two base hits—Marans, Shotten, E. Collins. Three base hits—Tobin. Home run—Felch. Stolen bases—Deal, Jackson (2). Foul balls—Bases on balls—Off Wellman, 3; off Cloutie, 3; off Scott, 1; off Wolfgang, 1. Struck out—By Wellman, 2; by Cloutie, 2. Umpires—Hildebrand and O'Loughlin.

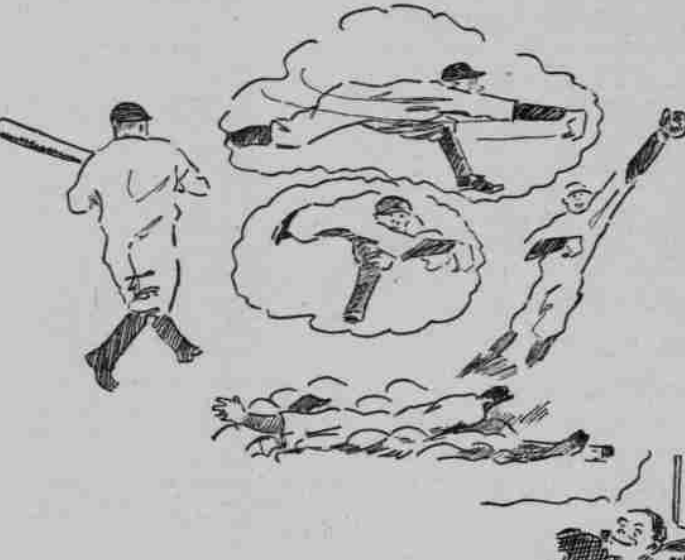
At New York—Score: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 1 3 4
New York 2 5 0
Batteries—Crowell, Myers and Meyer; and Murphy; Markle and Numa-maker.
Summary: Stolen bases—Baker, Walsh. Bases on balls—Off Markle, 7; off Crowell, 4. Struck out—By Markle, 7; by Crowell, 2. Umpires—Owens and Connolly.

Detroit at Cleveland—game postponed; rain.

W. A. ALSO OPENS TODAY.
League is Said to Be Much Stronger Than Last Season.
Oklahoma City, Okla., April 20.—The Western association was scheduled to start its 1916 season this afternoon. Providing fair weather prevails, Oklahoma City will open the season at Denison; McAlester at Fort Smith; Tulsa at Sherman, and Muskogee at Paris. Managers of all the teams declare they have strengthened their clubs and that the pennant race will be far more interesting this year than ever before.

Fitting ceremonies for the opening have been planned in Fort Smith, Denison, Sherman and Paris and a prosperous season for the league has been predicted.

HIS DREAM COMES TRUE TODAY



The above cartoon, representing the dream of a fan anticipating the opening of the baseball season, which is particularly appropriate today, was drawn by B. Benner, a young man of Emmett, Kan. By competent judges, the action displayed in the picture has been pronounced very good.

GUN CLUB ELECTS

J. C. Stewart Chosen President
for Ensuing Year.

Big Registered Shoot Scheduled
for May 10 and 11.

At a meeting of the members of the Topeka Gun club, held this week, officers for the ensuing year were elected and plans were made for one of the biggest trap shooting summers the club has ever known.

J. C. Stewart was elected president of the club; John Taylor was chosen secretary-treasurer; J. C. Hoover, publicity man; and A. R. Springer, field captain.

Also, at the meeting it was decided to make the club house on the grounds twice its present size and plans were made for the big registered shoot that will be held on May 10 and 11.

The registered shoot will be one of the biggest events the club has held in recent years, and it is expected that between 75 and 100 visiting shooters will be here for the various events.

Many Trophies.
Fifty dollars in trophies will be offered to the winners of the events, and there will be merchandise prizes of considerable value and \$125 added money besides. The shoot will be open to all comers and it is very likely that there will be several professionals here especially for the club house will be begun at once and will be completed before the holding of the invitation shoot. When everything has been completed the members hope to have one of the most up-to-date shooting preserves in the whole state, and they plan to get full value out of every dollar invested by holding shoots that will be real power burning events.

Two new members were added to the club this week. They are Dr. Silvertone and Mr. Banta. Several members of the local club plan to go to Lawrence on April 25 to attend a big registered shoot that the Lawrence Gun club has advertised.

ATHLETIC FRAT AT K. U.
Organization of National Scope Being Insisted by Dr. Naismith.
Lawrence, Kan., April 20.—A branch of Sigma Delta Psi, a national athletic fraternity, is being organized at the University of Kansas by Dr. James Naismith, director of physical education at the university. It has been announced. Membership in this organization is based on record and candidates made in actual competition.

The members must be able to show skill in more than one event in track and field sports. Some of the requirements are: 100 yard dash in 11.5 seconds; 220 yard low hurdles in 31 seconds; high jump 5 feet; broad jump 17 feet; pole vault 8 feet 6 inches; throw baseball 250 feet; kick a football 120 feet; two mile run in 12 minutes 30 seconds; ten mile walk in 2 hours and 50 minutes; swim 100 yards.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

There were three anxious men on the Savage team that left this morning for St. Joe to open the Western league season this afternoon.

The three were Pitchers Dasher, Grover and Lambeth. Each was anxious to work in the opener, and each wanted to know whether or not he was to be called upon. But the only thing Manager Lattimore would tell any of them was, "Be ready."

Dasher probably displayed more eagerness to work than any of the three. In fact, he has been priming himself for this afternoon's engagement ever since the training season began.

On the eve of the opening, Manager Lattimore took time to use the ax on two good players who could not hope to make a regular job. Pitcher Sanders was sent to the Fort Dodge club of the Central association and Outfielder Trainer was sold under an optional agreement to a Three-I league club.

The Savages still have a string to Sanders and if experience brings him around, as it is thought it will, he will probably be brought back here to wear a local uniform again.

There is no question about the innate ability of the Pittsburgh flinger. He has everything a pitcher needs in the way of "stuff." But his experience has not been sufficient to make him a reliable man for a Western league club, and the spring his ambition has been rather sluggish.

The regulation gold filled ball and bat that Peterson's gift shop will give to the Topeka pitcher who wins the largest number of games and to the player who makes the best batting average have arrived from the factory and are now on display in the Gift shop windows.

For the first time in several days "Pep-Nat" Godwin was throwing 'em overhanded Wednesday afternoon. He said that his arm was still sore, but he thought he would be able to peg to first this afternoon when he had to.

Only two days left for sending in guesses on paid attendance at opening game next Tuesday. Better hurry if you want the \$40 season pass offered by this paper. Address Baseball Editor, State Journal.

RESTORE THE JAVLIN THROW.
I. C. A. A. Names New Officers and Plans for Big Meet.

Chicago, Ill., April 19.—Vernon C. Ward, of the University of Illinois representative, has been elected president of the Intercollegiate Athletic association conference and Avery Brundage of the University of Illinois was named secretary-treasurer.

The javelin throw will be one of the events at the sixteenth annual track and field games at Northwestern university field June 2, it was also announced. This is the first time the event has been listed at a conference meet.

JESS AT OPENER

To Pitch First Ball for Emmett
Willards Sunday.

Home Town of Champion Expects Great Ball Season.

Emmett, Kan., April 20.—Last year Emmett did more for the athletic world than any other town in the United States. Besides producing Jess Willards, the heavyweight champion of the world, this place also produced a baseball team, named after her most prominent son, that was one of the fastest amateur organizations that ever sprang up among the sunflowers of Kansas.

Frank Zima, the man who developed and made possible this team, will have charge of the Emmett Willards this season, and in the opening game here next Sunday it is expected that the great fighter for whom the team was named will be on hand to pitch the first ball.

To Open Season.
Willards has written friends here that he expects to pay a visit to his old Emmett friends before joining his circus at Wichita and in consequence, plans to have him open the baseball season here under way.

The team that will represent Emmett in the national pastime this season, will, according to all indications, be one of the best amateur organizations in the whole country and Manager Zima says that he hopes to turn out an unbeatable nine.

D. F. Miller, an old war horse, who knows the game from A to Z, has been employed to coach and train the players and some of the best amateur material in this section of the country has been signed up.

Get It, C. Players.
Feehan and Grider, of last year's All-Nation team of Kansas City, have been signed and will play second base and shortstop. Macca will be on the receiving end for the team again this season and the pitching staff with the invincible Alban as the leading twirler should be much stronger than it ever was.

With Beeler on first base, Glynn on third and McNeive and Joe and Tony Zima in the outfield, the supporters of the team are predicting that it will win at least three-fourths of its games at the very worst. August Sakrada will be the official umpire of the team in all games played on the home diamond.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS
GEM—Mutual Masterpiece De Luxe, "The Haunted Manor," featuring Iva Shepherd.
HIS—C. Haddon Chambers's "The House of Mystery," with Charles Cherry and Paramount Photographs.
ORPHEUM—Mae Marsh and Robert Harron in "The Triangle Fine Arts" production, "Hoodoo Ann," Keystone comedy, "By Stork Delivery," and vaudeville.
BEST—Henry Woodruff in the Big T wonderplay, "The Beckoning Flame," Joe Jackson in the Keystone pictorial comedy, "A Modern Enoch Arden."
COZY—Richard Harding Davis's "The Gallop" with Clifton Crawford.
CRYSTAL—Mary Fuller in "The Little Fraud," Herbert Lovell in "The Best Deal," and Rosemary Theby and Barry Myers in "The Lathered Truth."
AURORA—Motion Pictures.
PRINCESS—Motion Pictures.
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Free Season Pass

Denver opens the Western League season in Topeka on Tuesday, April 25th.

To the person who guesses the nearest to the paid attendance on that day the State Journal will give a season pass. If anything prevents the opening taking place on Tuesday, the guesses will apply on whatever day is the opening. No guesses received after April 23rd will be considered, so get in your guess right away. In case of tie, the first one received gets the ticket. The closing of guesses is set for April 23rd, so that nobody will have an advantage on account of weather conditions. Be your own prophet and guess on the weather, too, for the kind of a day has lots to do with attendance. Everybody has the same chance, so get in your guess. The paid attendance for the past several years has been running from 2,500 to 4,000. Last year the weather was fine and the paid attendance was 4,146. Seal and leave your guess at this office, or mail it. No matter where you live, Topeka or elsewhere, you are eligible.

Fill in the blank below, or one of your own. This form is printed only for your convenience, but get your guess in some time between now and April 23.

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